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AL-FALIMBANI'S SCHOLARSHIP

Abd al-Samad al-Falimbani is an eighteenth century Muslim scholar from Palembang, located in the Indonesian island of Sumatra. Through the examination of his unpublished manuscripts and published works, this book explores al-Falimbani's biography, his various scholarly contributions, Sufi orientation as well as the intellectual developments of the Malay Archipelago. It uncovers evidence of al-Falimbani's great erudition in the major Islamic sciences by tracing his early education, the developments of his intellectual maturity and the influence of various well-known scholars who shared their expertise with him. This book represents the first product of research which utilises a wide range of data and classical sources relating to al-Falimbani, including manuscripts, *Jawi books*, Arabic biographical dictionaries and many others included in a comprehensive bibliography list. *Islam in the Malay World: Al-Falimbani's Scholarship* will serve as a valuable reference for Muslim scholars and general readers who have an interest in the traditional Malay religio-intellectual culture.

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